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1- Continue contact with logical informant sources in effort to develop all possible information tying KRESS to the "juice joint", and to develop strategy to be utilized by KRESS as a defense to this case.

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AT BILOXI AND GULFPORT, MISS.

1- Continue to maintain contact with JN 10-C and other sources to be kept advised of subjects' activities and anticipated strategy as a defense in this case.

2-	Follow and	report results	of FGJ	action	following
presentat	ion to FGJ,			g week	

INFORMANTS:

JN 10-C, Biloxi, Miss., advised on 5/23/66 that he has not seen JACK KRESS on the Mississippi Gulf Coast since some time in Nov., 1965, just prior to the so-called raid on Deano's Lounge, when the "juice joint" was removed from this lounge. Informant advised he has heard through the grapevine that JACK KRESS is really scared he is in serious trouble as a result of the "juice joint", which was removed from Deano's Lounge.

JN 10-C advised he did not know if JACK KRESS owns any property on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

JN 10-C, who stated he has been acquainted with JACK KRESS indirectly for several years, advised KRESS is literally "scared to death" as a result of the "juice joint" investigation at the Red Carpet Club and Dean's Lounge.

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KRESS fully expects to be indicted by a FGJ concerning this "juice joint", and expects to be arrested soon. Informant advised that while he had no direct contact with KRESS recently, from his association with KRESS in the past, he believes KRESS would be willing to testify as a government witness in this matter, providing the government would give consideration to granting him immunity from prosecution. Informant advised that if KRESS would be willing to do this, he could furnish voluminous information concerning matters of a criminal intelligence nature, as well as concerning shipments of both legitimate and crooked gambling paraphernalia throughout varied points in the United States.

JN 10-C was advised that the FBI would not promise KRESS anything, but would be willing to talk with KRESS in the event that he was desirous of furnishing information on a strictly voluntary basis. Informant advised KRESS is presently in hiding, exact whereabouts unknown, and stated he intended to immediately contact KRESS to determine his attitude toward cooperation with Bureau Agents and with the Department of Justice.

JN 10-C, Biloxi, Miss., contacted KRESS indirectly on 6/22/66 through Biloxi, Miss., Attorney JOHN SEKUL. Arrangements were thereafter made by SA WILLIAM DEAN JANSEN for a meeting between Mr. SEKUL and Departmental Attorney OWEN A. NEFF at Biloxi, Miss., on the night of 6/22/66, as reflected in the details herein.

JN 10-C, Biloxi, Miss., advised on 6/25/66 that Attorney SEKUL had related to informant the scope of his meeting with Mr. NEFF, and of the fact that SEKUL was expecting momentarily to hear from KRESS whether or not he intends to cooperate. Informant advised that as of 6/25/66, SEKUL had no further contact with KRESS.

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